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SUBJ: PORT DETENTION AND BUNKER SURCHARGE IMPOSED DURBAN
PORT

REF: DURBAN 0002

1. CONGESTION PROBLEMS CONTINUING DURBAN DESPITE ATTEMPTS ALLEVIATE BACKLOG BY EXTENDED PORT WORK WEEK. HARBOR PRESENTLY FULL, WITH 16 SHIPS OUTSIDE AWAITING BERTHS. DELAY RANGING FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS. NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE LINES IMPOSED 15 PER CENT PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE JAN 4, AS DID LINES SERVING THE FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA, PERSIAN GULF, SOUTH AMERICA AND WEST AFRICA. MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICA/ ANGLO/SOUTH AFRICA TARIFF AGREEMENT FOLLOWED SUIT JAN 10 WHILE OTHER EUROPEAN CONFERENCE LINES THREATENING IMPOSE SIMILAR DETENTION CHARGE UNLESS CONDITIONS IMPROVE WITHIN NEXT WEEK.

2. PORT ALSO EXPECTING IMPOSITION ADDITIONAL BUNKER SURCHARGE ON TOP 4 PER CENT SURCHARGE IMPOSED DEC 7 FOLLOWING PRICE INCREASE MARINE FUEL JAN 10 TO R47.94 METRIC TON IN DURBAN. (THIS REPRESENTS 65 PER CENT INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS R28.78 UNCLASSIFIED

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PER TON CHARGE). MARINE DIESEL ALSO INCREASED 41 PER CENT

TO R72.62, WHILE GAS OIL W778UKPER CENT TO R76.04.
ANTICIPATING INCREASES, NEDLLOYD ANNOUNCED BUNKER SURCHARGE
RANGING FROM \$3.50 TO \$4.50 PER FREIGHT TON EFFECTIVE
JAN 27. THIS MAY NOW BE FURTHER INCREASED DUE EXTENT BUNKER
PRICE HIKE. (R1 EQUALS \$1.4985).

3. COMMENT: DURBAN PORT AUTHORITIES REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT
BACKLOG WILL BE CLEARED BY END OF JANUARY.
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